

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for detecting the presence of a selectable marker gene product in a plant growing in an environment without selective pressure, said method comprising the steps of:
obtaining a plant suspected of comprising a selectable marker gene product;
contacting such plant with a composition comprising a selective agent corresponding to said selectable marker gene product and an organosilicone surfactant, wherein the selective agent is selected from kanamycin, paromomycin, ribostamycin, butirosin, genenticin, and combinations thereof;
assessing the physical appearance of said plant for the presence of necrosis and/or bleaching of the contacted plant tissue wherein plant tissue exhibiting reduced or no necrosis or bleaching evidences the presence of a selectable marker gene product in said plant.
2. (cancelled)
3. (cancelled)
4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the plant is a monocotyledonous plant.
5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the plant is a member of the family *Gramineae*.
6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the plant is corn.
7. (cancelled)
8. (currently amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the selective agent is kanamycin or paromomycin.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the selective agent is a combination of kanamycin and paromomycin.
10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the organosilicone surfactant is dissolved in a solution.
11. (cancelled)
12. (cancelled)
13. (currently amended) The method of claim [[12]] 10, wherein the concentration of ~~SILWET L 77~~ organosilicone surfactant in the composition contacted with the plant is about 0.001% (v/v) to about 1.0% (v/v).
14. (currently amended) The method of claim [[12]] 10, wherein the concentration of ~~SILWET L 77~~ organosilicone surfactant in the composition contacted with the plant is about 0.01% (v/v) to about 0.08% (v/v).
15. (currently amended) The method of claim [[12]] 10, wherein the concentration of ~~SILWET L 77~~ organosilicone surfactant in the composition contacted with the plant is about 0.04% (v/v) to about 0.07% (v/v).
16. (currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein said composition is contacted with the whorl of the corn plant.
17. (currently amended) A method for detecting the presence of a selectable marker gene product in a plant growing in an environment without selective pressure, said method comprising the steps of:
obtaining a plant suspected of comprising a selectable marker gene product;
applying an effective amount of a selective agent corresponding to said selectable marker gene product and an effective amount of an organosilicone surfactant to said plant,
wherein the selective agent is selected from kanamycin, paromomycin, ribostamycin, butirosin, genenticin, and combinations thereof;

assessing the physical appearance of said plant for the presence of necrosis and/or bleaching of the contacted plant tissue wherein plant tissue exhibiting reduced or no necrosis or bleaching evidences the presence of a selectable marker gene product in said plant.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the selective agent and organosilicone surfactant are applied to said plant sequentially.
19. (cancelled)
20. (cancelled)
21. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the plant is a monocotyledonous plant.
22. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the plant is a member of the family *Gramineae*.
23. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the plant is corn.
24. (cancelled)
25. (currently amended) The method of claim [[19]] 17, wherein the selective agent is kanamycin or paromomycin.
26. (currently amended) The method of claim [[19]] 17, wherein the selective agent is a combination of kanamycin and paromomycin.
27. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the organosilicone surfactant is dissolved in a solution.
28. (cancelled)

29. (cancelled)
30. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[29]]~~ 17, wherein the concentration of ~~SILWET L-77~~ the organosilicone surfactant in the composition contacted with the plant is about 0.001% (v/v) to about 1.0% (v/v).
31. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[29]]~~ 17, wherein the concentration of ~~SILWET L-77~~ the organosilicone surfactant in the composition contacted with the plant is about 0.01% (v/v) to about 0.08% (v/v).
32. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[29]]~~ 17, wherein the concentration of ~~SILWET L-77~~ the organosilicone surfactant in the composition contacted with the plant is about 0.04% (v/v) to about 0.07% (v/v).
33. (currently amended) The method of claim 23, wherein said composition is contacted with the whorl of the corn plant.
- 34-37. (cancelled)
38. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the plant is soybean.
39. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the plant is soybean.